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President Reagan, citing his pledge to upgrade America's intelligence community, signed legislation to authorize funds for the CIA and other spy agencies for the fiscal year that begins Friday, the White House said Monday.

The specific funding levels contained in the bill are classified. But Reagan said the amount authorized for 1983 will help move closer to a goal he set before taking office.

"This year's Intelligence Authorization Act authorizes the appropriations necessary to continue improving our intelligence capabilities both quantitatively and qualitatively," Reagan said in a statement.

"The American people can be confident that their hard-earned tax dollars invested now in our intelligence capabilities will pay rich dividends to our nation in the decades ahead," he added.

During the campaign, Reagan accused President Carter and congressional Democrats of weakening the intelligence community by bridle it with excessive reporting requirements and restrictions on its mandate.

He said he and Congress "have embarked upon a course that will revitalize the intelligence capabilities of this nation, ensuring that in coming decades we will have the vital information about our adversaries at home and around the globe."

The first step toward achieving his objectives was passage of last year's intelligence authorization, he said, and another "important step" was enactment of legislation making it a crime to disclose the identities of undercover agents.

Reagan said that law ensures "that those who arrogate to themselves the right to frustrate legitimate intelligence activities approved by the president and Congress will be brought to justice."

In addition to authorizing funds for the coming year, the bill signed Monday authorizes supplemental funding for 1982, provides retirement benefits for certain former spouses of CIA employees, and prohibits unauthorized use of the name, initials or seal of the Defense Intelligence Agency.